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ELIHU ROOT SAYS —AMERICA AT STAKE

Head of American Mission to
Russia Declares Now Is
No Time to Argue.

A Pacific Port—"Don't argue about why we are in the war, but realize that the time has now come when American liberty, American justice, American independence and freedom is the stake for which we must fight." This is the admonition brought to the American people by Elihu Root who, at the head of the American commission, returned here from Russia. Professing a sincere admiration for the kindly character of the Russian people, "considerate of the rights and feelings of others, and with a high capacity for self-control and a noble idealism, heading always in a better way toward higher things," he pleaded for deep sympathy with the nation, "which is struggling with the problem that we have been studying for 140 years and have not yet solved." If democracy survives in the world, the people of Russia will rule, was the declaration of Charles Edward Russell, writer and publicist, who is a member of the commission. "If a man now says, 'my wages before my country' or 'my class or creed or association before my country,' he is not an American," declared Russell. James Duncan, vice-president of the American federation of labor, said this is no time for the American people to be quibbling over little things. The great fight now, he asserted, is between democracy and autocracy.

COMPLETE VICTORY IS AIM OF ENGLAND

London.—David Lloyd George, the British premier, in the presence of a distinguished gathering, representative of all parties, which met to mark the third anniversary of the declaration of war, reiterated the aims for which the entente allies are fighting and indicated the only conditions under which they would consent to a suspension of hostilities with the central powers. In the course of his speech, Premier Lloyd George said: "Victory must be so complete that our national liberty never again shall be challenged. 'Neither the Kaiser nor the Chancellor,' he declared, 'has yet said he would be satisfied with German soil. They talk glibly about peace, but stammer over the word restoration. Before we have a peace conference they must learn to use the word restoration.' If Great-Britain had not entered the war, he said, 'Europe would have been at the mercy of a cruel military power. Russia would have disintegrated sooner. France would have fought bravely, but might have been overwhelmed. America's Monroe doctrine would have been treated as a scrap of paper. The fact today is that we have checked the ambitions of Germany.'"

NET CLOSING ABOUT LENS

Lines Are Drawn Closer to Center of the City.
London.—Another forward movement to the southwest of Lens has been made with a minimum loss. For the best part of two weeks in the Cite Du Moulin our patrols and those of the enemy have been living an uneasy life almost side by side, with only a few tumble-down walls between them. Small attacking parties set out from that part of the Cite Du Moulin already in our hands and drove in the enemy's patrols along a front of more than 1000 yards. The Germans for the most part scuttled back toward Lens, but a number were caught under our fire and killed. A new out-post line was established and prepared for a counter-attack. No counter-attack had been made up to the close of this dispatch.

This advance carries the Canadians well within 1000 yards of the center of Lens on the western front of the city. At Aviation and Leuville on the south front, our outposts are now about a mile from the center and in the northwest sector, opposite St. Laurent, our line is a scant 1500 yards from the heart of Lens. The net is fast closing.

China to Enter War.
Peking.—Acting President Feng Kwo Chang approved the unanimous decision reached at a special meeting of the Chinese cabinet to declare war on Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Draft to Cost \$8,660,480.
Washington.—The cost of drafting America's first great national army—from registration to enrollment—was placed by Secretary Baker at \$8,660,480, in his estimates to Congress.

ROLAND S. MORRIS



Roland S. Morris, who was appointed American ambassador to Japan to succeed Ambassador Guthrie, who died recently.

DUMA AND COUNCIL UPHOLD KERENSKY

Petrograd.—By a vote of 147 to 40 a joint meeting of the executives of the workers' and soldiers' and peasants' councils confirmed the decision of the political conference of continued confidence in Premier Kerensky. After the duma committee confirmed the vote of confidence in Kerensky the latter withdrew his resignation, and at once proceeded to reorganize the cabinet.

Premier and War Minister Kerensky and all the other members of his cabinet except Vice-Premier Hekrazoff resigned. The action of the cabinet resulted from accusations against M. Tchernoff, minister of agriculture, and a complete breakdown of the negotiations to bring the constitutional democrats into the cabinet. M. Tchernoff was accused of having been connected with the German general staff.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

German attacks on the Aisne front have been withstood successfully by the French.

Further progress has been made by the French northwest of Bixchoote on the Flanders battle front, says the British official report.

All of Galicia, with the exception of a narrow stretch of ground from Brody to Zbaraz, northeast of Tarnopol, has been wrested from the Russians. The Russian political situation has become calmer. Premier Kerensky has withdrawn his resignation and there are continued indications of the strengthening of the morale of the Russian armies on the southwestern front.

In the operations at Lens the Canadians pushed forward to a depth of about 200 yards to a line between the Lens-Grenay railway and the Cite Du Moulin, directly south, and since have consolidated their positions among the buildings.

The Austro-German armies on the eastern front are continuing their advance between the Danube and the Pruth and in Bukovina, east and south of Czernowitz, taking additional towns, according to German army headquarters report.

Ultimatum Sent Berlin by Argentine. Buenos Aires.—Disatisfied with the progress of negotiations with Germany growing out of the sinking of the Argentine steamer Torca, the Argentine government has broken off the discussions that were being conducted with the German minister here, and has sent a final, categorical note to Berlin requiring a clear and final reply to the Argentine demands within a reasonable time.

Russians Rally at Point Near Balan. Petrograd.—Russian troops operating east of Czernowitz, Bukovina, attacked the Austro-German forces and captured a wood near Balan, together with more than 500 prisoners and three machine guns, the war office announced. Southwest of this region the Russians are continuing to retire, as they also are doing in the vicinity of Kimpolung.

Soldier's Pay Is \$30 or More.

Washington.—Soldiers called into service for war against Germany will be able to send at least \$25 a month home to dependents. In case of death in line of duty, their dependents will receive from \$180 up, according to the rank of the soldier. These things were made clear by Provost Marshal General Crowder in a ruling sent to the governors of all the states.

NEW WAR TAX BILL REPORTED TO SENATE

Revision Adds \$33,000,000,
Making Total Estimated In-
come Over 2 Billion.

Washington.—Enactment of the administration food control bill is the principal task ahead of congress this week. When the long-contested measure is out of the way, the senate will begin debate of the \$33,000,000 war tax bill, with the leaders hoping for a vacation recess in September.

The entire war executive program is again congested in the senate. Tuesday the house began a series of three-day recesses to continue for several weeks under a gentlemen's agreement to transact no important business until the war tax bill is ready for conference.

The revised war tax bill reported to the senate by the finance committee will raise \$2,065,970,000, according to final official estimates, or about \$135,000,000 more than the house provided, and \$331,800,000 more than the senate committee planned to raise before the new war estimates were submitted to congress.

Principal senate changes in the house bill as finally adopted by the committee provide for a decrease of income taxes of about \$200,000,000, on war excess profits of \$200,000,000 and on inheritances of \$10,000,000.

Additional taxes on incomes of corporations apply also to partnerships, joint stock companies and associations, including life insurance companies. Their normal income tax is increased to 6 per cent, 4 per cent more than the present law and 2 per cent above the original house and committee program.

Increased surtaxes fall entirely on individuals having incomes of \$15,000 or above. They range from 1 per cent on \$15,000 incomes to a maximum of 33 per cent on incomes in excess of \$500,000.

RESISTERS FACING DESERTION CHARGE

Washington.—Registered men who resist the selective draft law face military court martial for desertion and the possibility of execution for desertion in time of war. The whole military and civil powers of the federal government, states, cities or counties, will be employed to bring them to book.

This was announced in a formal statement by Brigadier-General Enoch Crowder, provost-marshal general, in response to reports from North Carolina, Georgia and Oklahoma of anti-draft disturbances.

The Oklahoma rioters, "the Jones family" and other resisters of the draft, are looked upon as ignorant persons deceived by shrewd agitators. If the agitators, alleged to be I. W. W. leaders who have stirred up this trouble, fall into the hands of a charge of high treason will undoubtedly be lodged against them and prosecuted in the United States courts. Evidence is said to be in the hands of the authorities to show that these men were inspired by an intelligently sinister motive.

ONE MAN IN THREE TAKEN

Nearly Two Million Men Offer Services to Nation in Four Months.

New York.—Official recruiting figures of the United States government indicate that since April 1, last, more than 1,750,000 men have volunteered for the military and naval services of the country.

For every man accepted by the navy, army, marine corps, national guard, officers' training camps and the various reserves it can be stated officially that at least two who are willing and anxious to serve their country are rejected for physical or other reasons.

Officers say that the estimate of one out of every three is a conservative figure and that if the records of various recruiting offices in all parts of the country could be carefully gone over it would probably show that only one out of four men who volunteer is accepted.

I. W. W. Leader Buried at Butte. Butte, Mont.—The body of Frank H. Little, I. W. W. executive officer, who was lynched in Butte by vigilantes last week, was buried at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Funeral services were in charge of I. W. W. members and Metal Mine Workers' Union members.

De Saullies Killed By Former Wife. New York.—John L. De Saullies, former United States minister to Uruguay, was shot and killed at his home in Roslyn, L. I., by his divorced wife, who was Miss Blanche Errazuriz, of Valparaiso, Chile. The shooting was the result of a quarrel over the custody of their 4-year-old son.

MRS. HAZEL CARTER



Mrs. Hazel Carter, wife of a corporal, who was discovered garbed in khaki aboard a transport en route to France.

RESISTER TO DRAFT KILLED BY POSSE

Oklahoma City, Okla.—A gun fight, resulting in one slain and two wounded, marked the hunt in central Oklahoma of two posses searching for armed bands of objectors to the selective draft. Twelve miles southeast of Holdenville a posse clashed with an outlaw band. Edward Blalock, a draft objector, was killed; Posseman Jack Paige was wounded in the leg and Posseman Henry Johnson wounded in the head.

Captures of the resisters, members of the so-called "Working Class Union," the "Jones Family" and other organizations of kindred beliefs, composed of tenant farmers, half-breed Indians and negroes, have numbered 193, according to the best count available.

Although resistance to the selective draft seems to be the chief factor in the uprising, dreams of conquest, riches and power have been implanted in the minds of the ignorant tenant class by organizers of the different organizations, until they were led to believe that a show of force was all that was necessary to gain the promised fruits.

BOARD TAKES OVER VESSELS

Ships in Course of Construction in American Yards Are Requisitioned.

Washington.—The shipping board has telegraphed orders to over a score of the country's largest shipyards requisitioning all ships of 2500 dead weight tonnage or more now building. Management of the yards will be in the hands of the present owners, but under government direction.

About 50 ships are affected by the government's order, about 250 of them under construction in Pacific coast plants. Their aggregate tonnage is more than 1,500,000. Included are many English, Norwegian, and other vessels on foreign account.

S. P. Strike May Be Avoided.

San Francisco.—Mediation was accepted as a means of settling the threatened strike of railroad brotherhoods against the Southern Pacific company. Both sides agreed to accept the offices of the federal mediator and conciliation board. The strike has been called off pending a possible settlement by the federal mediators.

Czernowitz Again Falls to Teutons. Berlin, via London.—Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina, has been captured by the Teuton forces, according to the official statement.

Young Generals Wanted by Pershing. Washington.—General Pershing has recommended that no general officers over the age of 45 be sent to France.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Wheat—Club \$2.23; bluestem \$2.25; red Russian, \$2.20; forty-fold, \$2.23. Barley—No. 1 feed, \$45 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$26 per ton; alfalfa, \$19.
Butter—Creamery, 40c. Eggs—Ranch, 36c. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 61c; valley, 75c.
Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem \$2.25; turkey red, \$2.25; forty-fold, \$2.23; club, \$2.23. Barley—No. 1 feed, \$45 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$26 per ton; alfalfa, \$19.
Butter—43c. Eggs—Ranch, 45c.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week
Briefly Sketched for Infor-
mation of Our Readers.

Fall wheat in Linn county is running from 15 to 30 bushels to the acre. The annual Umatilla county horse and mule show will be held October 6 in Pendleton.

A course in dietetics has been added to the department of home economics at the Oregon Agricultural college.

The state highway commission has selected 16 feet as the standard width of pavement on the primary roads.

Bids were opened Tuesday by the state highway commission for a half million dollar issue of state road bonds.

Substantial deposits of chrome iron ore in the John Day valley, south of Pendleton, will be opened up this summer.

Edward Ostrander, secretary of the Oregon public service commission, has submitted his resignation to the commissioners.

At a special election the vote carried for bonding for \$15,000 the consolidated school district recently formed at Crane.

Total earnings of 288 men on parole from the Oregon penitentiary for July was \$16,174.45, according to Joseph F. Keller, state parole officer.

Pear growers of Douglas county have appealed to the Eugene fruit-grower's association to aid them in conserving their crop this year.

Ed Wright, of La Grande, has been appointed by the Oregon public service commission as secretary to succeed Edward Ostrander, who resigned August 1.

The city of Portland, with 26 banks, holds 52.2 per cent of the total deposits of Oregon, according to a statement issued by S. G. Sargent, superintendent of banks.

Out of over 200 tuberculin tests among the dairy herds of Lane county, only five of the cows reacted, according to Dr. C. E. Gardiner, assistant state veterinarian.

D. Walter Morton, dean of the school of commerce at the university of Oregon, has been granted a leave of absence from the college for the school year of 1917-1918.

Eleven out of 15 candidates for pharmaceutical papers granted by the Oregon state board of pharmacy passed the examination held in Portland July 17 and 18.

Because of a shortage of fuel oil for state institutions the state board of control has appointed a committee to investigate with a view of arranging for some other fuel.

Plans are being worked out in Linn county for a bond election to be held this fall for the purpose of raising funds with which to improve about 100 miles of county highways.

With harvest well under way in the lighter land sections and starting on the heavier lands near Pendleton, indications are that the yields will be better than anticipated a few weeks ago.

While the crew of 15 men were at work on the steel bridge at Cotton Hill on the John Day river, part of the false work collapsed, dropping the crew to rocks below. Everyone was hurt.

Campers in the forests are very careless this season, according to reports made to C. C. Hall, supervisor of the Santiam national forest. Rangers report finding many unextinguished fires.

Mayor Rice of Roseburg has offered a cash reward of \$50 to any person who will furnish evidence sufficient to bring about a conviction of those who have been robbing gardens in that city.

Bids were opened Tuesday by the state highway commission for the construction of 10 concrete bridges on the Columbia river highway in Columbia county at an estimated cost of approximately \$60,000.

The largest apportionment of interest money on the irreducible school fund ever made to the counties of Oregon was reported by the office of State Treasurer Kay. The total amount is \$382,012.38.

The Astoria police and justice court departments were more than self-supporting in July. The receipts from fines in the police department were \$1067.50, while the salaries of the officers amounted to \$925.

A commission of federal agents, accompanied by representatives of the allied governments, will visit Portland on Monday, August 13, to confer with local spruce manufacturers for the purchase of airplane stock.

More than \$100,000 worth of new buildings ranging in value from \$1200 to \$20,000 have been started or been announced for immediate construction at Klamath Falls since the dedication of the new Strathorn railroad.

Bulah Dale, daughter of J. E. Dale, Athol G. Hickox, daughter of E. E. Hickox, and Myrtle Cooper, daughter of John Cooper, ages 9, 13, and 15, respectively, were drowned in the mill pond at Scott's Mills while in bathing.

Seventy-nine Portland physicians and surgeons have already been called or have volunteered for service in various branches of the United States army and navy, representing about 18 per cent of the 375 doctors in the city.

Alarmed by a temporary shortage of distillate, Umatilla county farmers telegraphed to Governor Withycombe and to the state council of defense, asking relief from the possibility of a more serious shortage during the harvest season.

Members of the I. W. W. are charged with \$165,000 of the total fire loss of \$420,870 in Oregon during July, in a report issued by State Fire Marshal Wells, by causing fires at Klamath Falls, which was the heaviest sufferer of 47 towns in the state last month.

For the purpose, if possible, of having counties containing Oregon & California land grants act together in the collection of interest and penalties on taxes from the government, district attorneys of the interested counties held a meeting in Salem Tuesday.

To get a year ahead in the completion of contracts for highway paving under the \$6,000,000 bonding act is the goal toward which the state highway commission is now working. By January 31, 1918, the commission hopes to have all work let for next year.

Harvey Wells, state insurance commissioner, announces that in a few days deputies from his department will make a complete survey of the Astoria waterfront and business district to ascertain if contemplated increases in rates of insurance are justified.

A. L. Lovett, entomologist at the Oregon Agricultural college experiment station, has prepared a poison which will exterminate the beetles which are now doing much damage to beans and cucumbers in western Oregon, and will soon be devouring the silks of the young corn.

Upward of 100 business men from Portland, Albany, Lebanon and Brownsville met at a banquet at Lebanon and discussed the matter of putting in a good road over the south Santiam pass from the Willamette valley to central Oregon by way of Cascade and Clear Lake.

Pronouncing the maintenance fees exacted by the J. F. Luse company, on an irrigation project embracing approximately 3829 acres of land in Douglas county as being excessive and unreasonable, the public service commission ordered reduced the annual charge from \$3.50 an acre to \$1.

The state of Oregon is going after national business and to that end will have another paid representative in Washington. The Portland chamber of commerce shortly will be represented there by a trade commissioner or secretary to be appointed by H. L. Corbett, president of the chamber.

Maintenance work on the old military highway, now officially known as the Willamette highway, which when completed will shorten the distance by road from Portland to Crater Lake 150 miles, has been completed as far as Crowbar point, one of the most dangerous points on the highway.

Standards for wheat, corn, hay and other agricultural products are fixed, rules are promulgated covering weighing, inspecting and storage of these commodities and the management of public and terminal warehouses is regulated in an order which has been issued by the Oregon public service commission.

Five fatal accidents were reported to the state accident commission during the last week, according to the weekly report. The fatalities were: Mrs. Blanche Cronder, Scappoose, railroad trespasser; George Kakeurus, Umatilla, railroad operation; Matt Kulja, Silverton, logging; C. Metcalf, Blind Slough, logging; A. G. Fisher, Black Rock, logging.

Holding that free service allowed new subscribers for a given time would be unlawful discrimination against old subscribers and bolstering its order by citing rules in similar cases in other states, notably Pennsylvania and Minnesota, the Oregon public service commission denied an application of Oswald West, receiver for the Home Telephone & Telegraph company of Portland, asking that the company be allowed to grant new patrons free telephone service for three months.

A new board, to be known as the board of conciliation and mediation, the duties of which will be to adjust difficulties that may arise between laborers and employers in Oregon, was named by Governor Withycombe. On the board are five members representing the workers and five members representing the employers. The members are: For organized labor—C. F. Howard, president of the Portland central labor council; B. W. Sleeman, district council of carpenters; R. A. Willison, state building trades council; Vern Haybarker, state metal trades council; J. B. Rhodes, general chairman of the order of railway conductors of the O. W. R. & N. Co. For the employers—W. B. Ayra, Eastern & Western Lumber company; Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company; James Dugan, building contractor; J. R. Bowles, president of the Northwest Steel company; Charles Leadbetter, paper mills.